Fair Price Shops in South Kanara.

*Q.—766. Sri S. GOPALA SALENNA (Mudabidri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of fair price shops opened in South Kanara District and the places of their location ;

(*b*) whether the number of representations and Telegrams were received from South Kanara regarding the soaring prices of foodgrain in the South Kanara District ;

(*c*) what are the steps taken by the Government to meet the full demands of foodgrains in South Kanara District ;

(*d*) whether they intend to subside the foodgrains to reduce the present retail price level in the consumer foodgrain shops in South Kanara District ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) There are 35 Fair Price Shops dealing in Foodgrains in addition to 50 fair price shops dealing in Sugar.

They are situated in Mangalore Town.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rice, wheat, wheat products and Sugar allotted by the Government of India are being supplied to the extent available to South Kanara District for distribution to bonafide consumers through Fair price shops Co-operative Institutions and Industrial Co-operatives at the prescribed prices according to local conditions and requirements.

(*d*) It is expected that the action taken as indicated in the reply furnished to Qn. (C), would bring down the prices to a reasonable level. The question of snbsidising foodgrains does not arise.

Payment of increased D. A.

*Q.—767. Sri S. GOPALA SALENNA (Mudabidri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have issued orders for the payment of increased D.A. to the employees of Mysore State Government, Municipality and Local Boards in the State and if so, when ;

(*b*) the maximum benefit to the employees in the sanction of increase in D.A. to each cadre of services in (*a*) above as proposed by the Government with the date from which each cadre of employees are entitled to get the said increase in D.A. per month ?